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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# SENATE BILL NO. 976

90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, February 28, 2000, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Committee Substitute adopted March 14, 2000.

Taken up March 14, 2000. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the office on women's health.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 192.965 and 192.968, to read as follows:

**192.965. There is hereby created the "Office on Women's Health" within the department of health. The duties of the office shall include, without limitation:**

- (1) Assist in the assessment of the health needs of women in the state;**
- (2) Provide policy analysis and recommendations to the director of the department of health on issues affecting the health and well-being of women across the life cycle;**
- (3) Assist the director of the department of health in identifying issues and establishing priorities for programs, services and resources the department of health should provide;**
- (4) Serve as a central location for information, resources, technical assistance and consultation about women's health for the department of health, other state agencies, local health departments and community-based organizations;**
- (5) Promote coordination of and collaborative efforts among programs and services for women in the department of health, other state agencies, local health**

**departments and community organizations; and**

**(6) Increase visibility of the many diverse factors affecting the health and well-being of women in Missouri.**

**192.968. To advise the chief of the office on women's health, the director of the department of health shall appoint a committee comprised of persons who have expertise in the varied issues affecting the health and well-being of women in Missouri, who reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of Missouri, and who speak for communities with specific health care risks, needs and concerns.**

**(1) The advisory committee and the chief of the office on women's health shall jointly identify issues pertinent to the health of women for consideration by the director of the department of health.**

**(2) The advisory committee shall assist the office on women's health in analyzing issues, as requested, and providing policy advice to the chief of the office on women's health.**

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